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The Speech of his Grace Henry Duke of Portland, Captain-General, &c. to the Council and Assembly, on Saturday the 9th of February.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr. Speaker, and you Gentlemen of the Assembly.

BEING sensible when I called you together, that your Concerns at Home in this Season of the Year, did more particularly want your Attendance upon them; I was determined to make the Sessions as short as the Necessity of the Publick would allow of, and to put an End to it as soon as those Affairs were finished, which in their own Nature would not admit of any longer Delay.

That you have gone through with such Unanimity & dispatch, that less Time has been employed upon them than at first could well be expected; which gives me the pleasing Hope, that what remains undone will hereafter be attended with the same Harmony, and be carried through the House with the same Cheerfulness and Speed.

Still with the utmost Satisfaction represent to His Majesty, with what Honour and Regard you received his Commands, and with what Alacrity and Pleasure you entered upon the Execution of them.

What you have done for me and the Support of my Government, has fully answered my Expectations, and I return you my hearty Thanks for it. I can assure you I have no Views in whatever I propose to you or require of you, than what I really believe will advance the Honour or the Interest of the Publick. I am above all mean Aims or unhand-some Designs; I have no Purposes that are purely selfish, and if I was once persuaded that all my Endeavours to serve you would prove ineffectual, I should not think myself fairly intitled to the becoming Treatment I have met with, and should immediately entertain Thoughts of returning Home; but I can never have Apprehensions of this Kind, whilst you continue to do your utmost to intitle yourselves to His Majesty's Favour, by a ready Acquiescence in what I may lay before you for the real Service of this Island.

There seems to be a Concurrence of Sentiments between us in all publick Affairs, which must communicate mutual Satisfaction, and give Life and Vigour to all we undertake for the common Good.

In the Affairs which I now propose to give you, I hope you will be so kind to yourselves, and so just to the Community, as to employ your Thoughts sometimes upon those important Subjects which I have offered to your Consideration at our last Meeting, and could not for want of Time with my Advantage be entered upon.

This Method will not only make your Debates in the next Session more easy, and of greater Weight, but also shorten the Time of your Attendance, which without it you cannot reasonably promise yourselves. You are now, Gentlemen, going to dispose yourselves in the several Parts of this Island, and your Influences may be of Service in a great Variety of Instances in every one of your Parishes. You will esteem it your Duty to encourage Obedience to His Majesty, to instill Principles of unfeigned Loyalty and Affection to His Person in Particular, and to His Government in General; you will exhort all to a continued Obedience and Agreement; you will do your utmost, as Magistrates, to suppress all Streams of Immorality

and Profaness; you will put the Laws in Execution which relate to the publick Service of Religion, and enforce them by your own good Examples; without which your Share in making those good Laws loses its Honour and Reputation. In full Assurance therefore, that in your several Capacities you will be wanting in Nothing that becomes you as faithful and dutiful Subjects to His Majesty, as Magistrates, or as Christians. —

I do therefore in His Majesty's Name Prorogue you till Tuesday the 23d of April next; and you are hereby accordingly prorogued till Tuesday the 23d of April next.

Boston in New-England, Feb. 25. On Saturday last arose a violent Storm of Wind, with Hail, Rain and Snow, which continued all Yesterday; when about Noon the Tide was two or three Foot above the Long-Wharf, and has done a vast Damage to abundance of Warehouses, Cellars, &c. and Goods that were therein.

Portsmouth, March 1. We had a very high Tide last Sabbath Day, which has done a great deal of Damage to Wharfs and in Warehouses.

Boston, March 4. They write from Hampton in New Hampshire the 18 Instant, that the Storm of the 24th past was very violent upon that Place. The Sea broke over its Banks for some Miles together, and continued running over for several Hours, which raised the Tide to a very unusual Height. Some Hundred of Loads of Hay which were standing in Stacks upon the Marshes, were removed from their Bottoms and carried to a considerable Distance; some are lost, but the most of them are recovered, though much damaged. Many Acres of Marsh are much hurt, if not quite ruined, being either torn up by the Rage of the Water, or covered with Sand from the Beach.

London, May 4.

Yesterday arrived a Mail from Holland.

Swyru, March 7. The freshest Advice received here from Perla bear Date the Beginning of January last; they relate, that the Sophi's eldest Son is retired to Tauris; that Miri-Wey was not the Master of Ispahan, but kept the City closely blockaded up, so that the Inhabitants not being able to get in Provisions from abroad, were reduced to eat the Flesh of Camels and of Horses, &c.

Constantinople, April 1. An Ambassador from Miri-Wey arrived here some Days ago, but has not had Audience yet of the Grand Sultan, of Grand Viceroy; he brings considerable Presents for the Sultan, and principal Ministers of the Porte.

Stockholm, May 4. All the Letters from Stockholm confirm that the Duke of Holstein's Minister had a formal Audience of the King the 19th past, in which he delivered a Letter from the Duke to his Majesty, and is in Hope to obtain an Answer very soon. M. de Meckel, the Czar's Minister at Stockholm, has received an Express from his Court with a particular Relation of the Victory gained over the Rebel-Prussians by the Czar's Troops near Derbent, and has communicated the same to the Court of Sweden. That Express likewise brought to him a fresh Order from the Czar, to repeat his Instructions to the Swedish Court to acknowledge his Right to the Imperial Title; nevertheless, it appears plainly enough, that the States of that Kingdom intend to wait the Issue of certain Affairs before they resolve determinately on that Head. The Rumour still continues of an approaching Expedition

